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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,8,11 and 12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,8,11 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1, 5, 8, 11-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Applicant arguments regarding flattening both magnets and pole would not reduce the reduction of cogging torque but rather a opposite to what he teaches is not persuasive because is well know in the art that flattening the magnets and poles surface will reduce the cogging torque, for example Daikoku U.S. Patent No. 6,737,778 discloses it is possible to obtain a greater mechanical accuracy with the flat surfaces compared to the cylindrical surfaces, so that torque ripples occurring in relation to surface irregularities can be suppressed. Therefore the rejection is sustained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1 and 5 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Daikoku et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,737,778.

Daikoku discloses a rotary machine comprising an armature (3b, 4b) having a core from which a plurality of circumferentially spaced poles teeth extend in a radial

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direction, coil winding formed around said pole teeth and a permanent magnet (6) component having a plurality of circumferentially spaced permanent magnets in confronting and closely spaced relation to the tip ends of said pole teeth to define a generally cylindrical gap therebetween, each of said pole teeth and said permanent magnets (6) having planar surface facing said gap (for example column 11 lines 45-55).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 and 5 and 6-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andrey U.S. Patent No. 5,723,931 in view of Abukawa et al. U.S. Patent No 6,313,558.

Andrey discloses the claimed invention except for said rotating machine comprising a stator pole having a planar surface facing the gap. However Abukawa discloses a rotating machine comprising stator poles with planar surfaces (25) facing a gap between the rotor and the stator in order to reduce the cogging torque.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Andrey 's invention and provide a stator having a planar surface facing the gap since that would had been desirable in order to reduce the cogging torque.

3. Claim 8, 11 and 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daikoku et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,737,778 in view of Hasebe et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,886,440.

Andrey discloses the claimed invention except for said rotating machine comprising a rotor wherein the permanent magnets are spaced from each other at a different circumferential distance. However Hasebe disclose a rotating machine having a rotor wherein the permanent magnets are spaced from each other at a different circumferential distance in order to suppress the torque ripple.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Andrey 's invention and provide a rotor wherein the permanent magnets are spaced from each other at a different circumferential distance since that would had been desirable in order to reduce the torque ripple.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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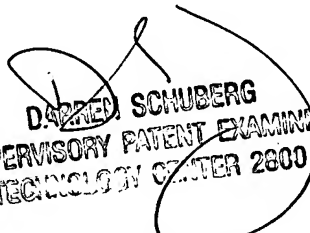
extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yahveh Comas whose telephone number is (571) 272-2020. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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